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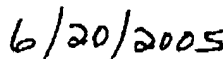
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

This paper is in response to the final rejection contained in the Office Communication dated 06/15/2005. In this paper, the claims are amended to place the application in condition for allowance. A record of teleconferences between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney is also included, beginning on the next page.

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RECORD OF TELEPHONE CONFERENCES

1. Examiner Omar Flores Sanchez called the applicant's undersigned attorney on June 7, 2005, and the conversation was continued on June 8, 2005.

No exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted. No agreement was achieved.

The Examiner advised the undersigned attorney of his intention to cite U.S. patent 2,134,606 to Hackworth against independent claims 2 and 18 of the present invention. The undersigned attorney noted that the prior art device of Hackworth is a bookrack and that it would not be useful as an apparatus for guiding a work piece through a cutting device. In fact, it would be physically dangerous to use the device of Hackworth in this manner. Thus, it is the applicant's position that the Hackworth patent does not support a rejection of the present invention.

The undersigned attorney again expressed the applicant's ongoing concern over the extended duration of the pendency of this application. In order to move the application to allowance in an expeditious manner so that a patent may issue prior to the applicant's important marketing season beginning in the fall of this year, the undersigned attorney offered to authorize an Examiner's amendment to add limitations related to a moveable handle into independent claims 2 and 18. Sample claim amendments were faxed to the Examiner for consideration; however, the Final Rejection was issued without further communication from the Examiner.

2. Examiner Omar Flores Sanchez returned the call of the undersigned attorney on June 17, 2005.

No exhibit was shown and no demonstration was conducted. No agreement was achieved.

The undersigned attorney initiated this communication upon seeing the Final Rejection referring to United States patent 2,620,929 to Sportsman, another patent in the field of bookracks. The undersigned attorney stated that Sportsman is nonanalogous art and also noted that the Sportsman patent lacks the "flat side" of the

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rejected claims. The Examiner responded that at least a lower portion of the side of the Sportsman device is flat.

In the interest of having a patent issue expeditiously, the undersigned attorney suggested that he would prepare an Amendment After Final Rejection to place the application in condition for allowance, and the Examiner agreed that he would act on any such submittal in an expeditious manner.

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